

PROCEEDINGS of CONVENTION.

1776.

On motion of Mr. Parnham, **RESOLVED**, That this convention will enter on no new business (except from evident necessity) until they have finished the consideration of the declaration of rights and form of government.

On motion of Mr. Parnham, the question was put, That for the expediting the bill of rights and form of government, the house shall sit, while that business is transacting, every evening, till 8 o'clock? **Resolved** in the affirmative.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs. Fenwick,	Marbury,	Edelen,	Stevenson,	Archer,	Murray,
Jordan,	J. Wilson,	Shriver,	J. Smith,	Gilpin,	John Ennalls,
Hooe,	Bayly,	Beall,	J. T. Chase,	Ewing,	Joseph Ennalls,
Dent,	Williams,	Hughes,	H. Wilson,	D. Smith,	Dickinson,
Parnham,	Fischer,	Stull,	Love,	Brevard,	Horsey.
Sprigg,	Sheredine,	Deye,			

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs. Barnes,	Fitzhugh,	S. Chase,	Kent,	Johnson,	Lowes,
Plater,	J. Hall,	Carroll,	Potter,	Gustavus Scott,	Chaille,
Grahame,	Worthington,	T. Wright,	Mason,	George Scott,	Mitchell.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to consider of the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state; Mr. T. Wright in the chair. After some time spent therein, Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. T. Wright reported, that the committee had, according to order, taken into their consideration the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state, and had come to several resolutions thereon, but not having had time to come to a conclusion, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this convention will to-morrow morning resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the same.

Convention adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, October 15, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Paca, Mr. Shepherd, and Mr. W. Ringgold, appeared in the house.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state; Mr. T. Wright in the chair. After some time spent therein, Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Wright reported, that the committee had, according to order, taken into their consideration the declaration of rights, and form of government, and had come to several resolutions thereon, but not having had time to come to a conclusion, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this convention will to-morrow morning resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the same.

Convention adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, October 16, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Bowie appeared in the house.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state; Mr. T. Wright in the chair. After some time spent therein, Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Wright reported, that the committee had, according to order, taken into their consideration the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state, and had come to several resolutions thereon, but not having had time to come to a conclusion, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this convention will in the afternoon resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the same.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

Convention met. Mr. Edmondson and Mr. T. Smyth appeared in the house.

Convention adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, October 17, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state; Mr. T. Wright in the chair. After some time spent therein, Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Wright reported, that the committee had, according to order, taken into their consideration the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state, and had come to several resolutions thereon, but not having had time to come to a conclusion, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this convention will on to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the same.

Mr. Joseph Ennalls has leave of absence.

Convention adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, October 18, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Joseph Ennalls. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Parnham has leave of absence. Mr. Ridgely appeared in the house.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state; Mr. T. Wright in the chair.